



TOWN OF DENNIS

CHILDCARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Program Purpose: To provide childcare subsidies to Dennis residents whose children ages 0-5 attend State-licensed childcare programs, as defined by the *Program Eligibility Requirements*.

Background: The Childcare Subsidy Program was approved by Dennis voters at the May 2, 2023 Annual Town Meeting (Article 42). The subsidy program is designed to provide financial assistance in the form of direct payment to State licensed childcare providers for residents of Dennis.

Program Eligibility Requirements:

Applicant Eligibility: A subsidy in the form of direct payment of \$200 per month to State licensed childcare providers for up to 50 full time, year-round residents of Dennis (maximum of \$2,400 per household) will be provided for one eligible child who is not five years or older as of August 31, 2025 and meets a threshold of 81% to 150% Average Median Income parameter. Child must be enrolled a minimum of two days per week for eligibility.

A completed application with all required documentation must be submitted for eligibility.

Provider Eligibility: Eligible providers must hold a valid State-license from the Department of Early Education and Care or the similar and the license must allow them to care for children 0-5 years old. Documentation is required for eligibility.

Copies of the Following Documents are Required:

- Application – completed and signed
- Child's birth certificate (certified copy not required)
- Proof of legal guardianship, if applicable
- Driver's License (or MA ID Card) of parent (or guardian) with Dennis address
- Dennis Real Estate Tax Bill in the name of parent (or guardian) OR Lease for a Dennis property in the name of the parent (or guardian)
- Utility bill in parent (or guardian) name with Dennis property address
- Income Verification Documents (for every member of household age 18 or older)
 - Tax Return from most recent year
 - Current pay stub
 - Alimony/Child Support
 - Other income/Benefits

All applicants will be notified of receipt of documents and application status via email. Applicants will not be considered eligible for the subsidy until all required documents are completed, submitted, and approved. Additional documents may be required.

Application Process: Applications and complete instructions will be available August 15, 2025 for Funding Period September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026.

Funding Allocation: Total subsidy for each eligible child shall not exceed \$2,400 per funding period.